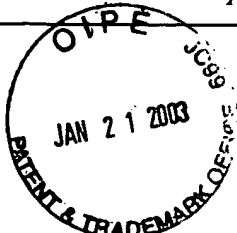


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1. a Response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002;
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